

On the day President Kennedy was shot, Mr. Wilson was again at the helm of the USIA, working to reassure the nation's people that the democratic process would continue as described in the Constitution of the United States and that their lives and safety would not be altered by the assassination.

Proud of the fact that the USIA had become an integral part of U.S. foreign policy during his tenure, Mr. Wilson left the agency in 1965 to return to his first employer, Time Inc., where he became general manager of Time-Life International.

He took a leave of absence in 1968 to work on Robert Kennedy's presidential campaign and was 50 feet behind Kennedy when he was shot. At that point, Mr. Wilson wrote, he decided not to be involved again in government service. Speaking for himself and his wife Susan Wilson, he stated, "Two assassinations, which had broken our hearts, were enough." Nonetheless in 2000, at the age of 74, he made a brief return to the political arena during the primaries to support Bill Bradley's campaign for the presidential nomination.

In 1970, Mr. Wilson was named Vice President for Public Affairs at Time Inc., a position he filled for the next 19 years, where he initiated internal and external communications programs, including the school program, "Time to Read," matching contributions for employees who donated to charity, and the development of a new and modern Time Inc. logo. News tours took him to Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Europe.

He was at the helm in 1984 when Israeli General Ariel Sharon sued Time magazine for libel. Although Time won the case, it lost the public relations war, Mr. Wilson states in his autobiography. In retrospect, Mr. Wilson believed that the case should have been settled before it went to court. Another explosive story in 1971 was a test of Mr. Wilson's skill in public relations. An authorized biography of reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes was scheduled to be excerpted in Life. Before being exposed as a fraud by Hughes himself, the author Clifford Irving provided material he said was handwritten by Howard Hughes that experts deemed authentic. The story unraveled before the excerpts were published.

Don Wilson was born in Montclair, New Jersey, on June 27, 1925. Republican Calvin Coolidge was president and the George Washington and Golden Gate Bridges had not yet been built. Mr. Wilson's interest in politics began at an early age, and he was avid in his support for Franklin Roosevelt, despite the fact that his father was a Republican. He attended Montclair Academy, Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts. In 1943 he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and was commissioned a second lieutenant as a B-17 navigator. Before World War II ended, he flew six missions over Europe with the 303rd Bomb Group.

He then finished his education at Yale University, where he gravitated to journalism and wrote a column for the Yale Daily News. Upon graduation, Mr. Wilson was hired by Life magazine as an office boy and worked his way up through the ranks from researcher to reporter to foreign correspondent. He covered the Korean War and the French Indochina War before becoming Washington Bureau chief in charge of coverage of the U.S. government. In

1960 he joined the Kennedy presidential campaign and became deputy director of the USIA in 1962.

In 1957, he married Susan Neuberger, a researcher at Life magazine, who, he states in his autobiography, impressed him immediately with "her crisp questions and easy sense of humor." In 1978, she was appointed to the New Jersey State Board of Education and subsequently devoted 23 years to the Network for Family Life Education, now Answer, a nonprofit organization that promotes education on sexuality. She and Don are the parents of three children, Dwight M. Wilson, Katherine L. Wilson and Penelope Wilson.

In the 1960s Don and Susie Wilson moved to Princeton, and when Mr. Wilson retired from Time Inc., he and George Tabor, formerly Time magazine's business editor, launched NJBIZ, a business paper covering the state of New Jersey. He co-founded the nonprofit Independent Journalism Foundation in 1991 with James Greenfield, a former New York Times editorial board member. Following the collapse of communism in the Soviet Union, the IJF sponsored training programs for journalists in Eastern Europe and Southeast Asia. He was a member of the Century Association and the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City.

Don Wilson died at peace in the arms of his beloved wife, Susie, shortly after a Thanksgiving celebration filled with tributes from his children and grandchildren.

His interest in politics continues to live on in the Donald M. Wilson Fellowship at the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice & Human Rights. His legacy as an imaginative and innovative communicator continues on.

HONORING DR. MILTON RICHARDS

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor former California State University Stanislaus Director of Athletics, Dr. Milton Richards, who in November 2011, after 12 years as the Director of Athletics at the California State University Stanislaus, announced he was leaving to take a position as Athletic Director at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia.

He intends to lead Simon Fraser University on their journey to becoming a full-fledged member of the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA). He is guided by the belief that intercollegiate athletics is an integral part of the overall mission of the university, and that a successful intercollegiate athletics and recreation program for men and women contributes substantially to campus life and community interaction.

While at CSU Stanislaus, Dr. Richards and his staff took Warrior Athletics to new heights among the Nation's NCAA DII elite intercollegiate athletics programs. During his time at CSU Stanislaus, student-athletes graduated at a rate higher than the general student body while maintaining a stellar 3.0 class room grade point average as a group. Other accom-

plishments by Dr. Richards, his coaches, student-athletes, and friends of the program during Richard's tenure at CSU Stanislaus include:

More than 355 student-athletes were named to all-conference, all-region, and All-American honors, as well as receiving accolades as all academic student-athletes at various levels.

24 Warrior Athletics teams participated in NCAA postseason play.

More than \$6 million dollars was secured in private funds for the Intercollegiate Athletics program.

Three separate student fee referendums were passed by CSU Stanislaus students in support of the Athletics program, including the referendum for the recently completed \$16 million state-of-the-art Student Recreation Complex, and two additional referendums to support Warrior Athletics.

Prior to joining CSU Stanislaus, Dr. Richards served as Director of Athletics at the State University of New York at Albany. In this capacity, Dr. Richards provided the needed leadership to move the Albany Intercollegiate Athletics program from NCAA DIII classification to NCAA Division I status.

A native of Liverpool, New York, Dr. Richards worked in Division IA athletics for 11 years at Kansas State University and Temple University. As Director of Athletics at Kansas State, Dr. Richards was responsible for an athletics program which totaled 14 sports with an \$8.5 million budget. Under his leadership, the program reached new heights in athletic fundraising.

From 1982–1991, Dr. Richards enjoyed a nine-year association with Temple University, a Division IA institution in Philadelphia. He spent six of those years as Associate Athletics Director, a position that included the job of Chief Financial Officer. In that role, he managed all of the administrative and operational aspects for the Temple University Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. At Temple University, Dr. Richards also served as an adjunct faculty member for the Temple University College of Education teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in Education Administration.

Dr. Richards is completing a second five-year term as a member of the West Virginia University School of Physical Activity and Sports Sciences President's Visiting Committee. The Visiting Committee is an advisory board established to provide input to WVU President James Clements and College Dean Dana Brooks, on all matters related to the college. Dr. Richards is a member the West Virginia University Hall of Fame and earned three degrees from WVU, including an Ed.D (1983), a MS (1982), and a BS (1980). He has also authored several articles on issues related to intercollegiate athletics.

Dr. Richards is the father of two children—Milton Chase, a nursing student at West Virginia University, and Megan Brittany, a senior at WVU. He is married to former CSU Stanislaus Hall of Fame student-athlete Amy Bublak, who is a law enforcement officer with the Modesto Police Department.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding contributions made to intercollegiate athletics by Dr. Milton Richards and hereby wish him continued success in his new journey.

THE BRIDGE TO JOBS ACT

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2012

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, as every American knows already, we have a jobs crisis in this country. While unemployment has improved within the past year, at 8.5 percent it is still strangling our economy. Over 40 percent of jobless Americans—who lost their jobs through no fault of their own—have been out of work for six months or longer, and the longer they wait, they harder it is for them to find jobs. The fact of the matter is that we will not see robust economic growth again until we put Americans back to work.

We also have an infrastructure crisis. According to Transportation for America, there are 69,223 bridges that have been classified as “structurally deficient” by the Federal Highway Administration. Leaving these bridges in their current state of disrepair poses a grave threat not only to our safety, but also to our economy. As the President noted just a few months ago, “Our aging transportation infrastructure costs American businesses and families about \$130 billion a year . . . And if we don’t act now, it could cost America hundreds of billions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of jobs by the end of the decade.” Additionally, studies have shown that our crumbling infrastructure threatens our competitive edge in the world economy. As the Washington Post reported this past summer, if nothing is done to improve our infrastructure, “U.S. businesses would pay an added \$430 billion in transportation costs, household incomes would fall by more than \$7,000, and U.S. exports will fall by \$28 billion.” Mr. Speaker, we can’t afford to wait until the end of the decade; we need action now.

Alleviating both of these crises is not a mutually exclusive endeavor. That’s why I’ve introduced the “Bridge to Jobs Act,” a much-needed “win-win” for the American economy and public safety. The act provides states with grants to put Americans back to work by repairing crumbling bridges. Not only will this legislation put Americans back to work and bolster our ailing economy, it will also ensure the safety of the millions who use these bridges each and every day. I urge my colleagues to support this crucial investment in our workforce, our economy, and our safety.

HONORING CHIEF RICKY WATSON

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2012

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, there are sacred obligations all citizens have to their community: to participate, to serve, and to leave their home a more prosperous place than they found it. From time to time, it is my distinct privilege to acknowledge outstanding citizens who have made it their life’s work to fulfill their sacred obligations. I rise today to honor Chief Ricky Watson as he retires from 25 years of service to the Brentwood community, the Memphis community, and the greater Tennessee family.

Chief Watson began his career in public service by joining the Memphis Police Department in 1978 where he worked in various precincts as well as in the Criminal Investigations Division. A veteran of the United States Air Force, it was no surprise that Chief Watson would join the Tennessee National Guard and earn the rank of 1st Lieutenant. Coming to Brentwood in 1986, he served as Captain of Administrative Services and Captain of Police Services until 2000 when he was appointed as Chief of Police.

A storied legacy of service, Chief Watson embodies at that we in this chamber hold sacred. A member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, American Legion, and Leadership Brentwood, Chief Watson has spent his career giving to the noble ideals of freedom, service, and sacrifice. I thank him for his service and his example, and ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ricky Watson for his lasting devotion to a higher calling.

A TRIBUTE TO HENRY S. TRYSLA

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an icon of the Eastern Nebraska business community, Henry Trysla. I was saddened to learn this week he had passed away at the age of 82. Henry’s life was linked with Nebraska newspapers for more than 50 years. Beginning as a young reporter and columnist at the South Sioux City Star, he rose through the ranks to become the paper’s editor and then a contributing writer after his retirement.

Henry served as president of the Nebraska Press Association which bestowed on him its highest honor, Master Editor-Publisher. A Nebraska Press Association Hall of Fame inductee, Henry led the South Sioux City Star to nine community service awards.

Henry’s accomplishments did not stop with his professional life. He was also a devoted family man and community leader. He and Margaret, his wife of 52 years, raised five children and have twelve grandchildren. Henry was active in the South Sioux City community, holding a variety of offices in service organizations and receiving numerous awards, including the Optimist Club Service to Youth Award. He was also a founding member of the board of directors of Dakota County State Bank, and he was instrumental in creating a park along the Missouri River.

Henry lived life to its fullest and is an example to us all. He leaves behind a loving family, a grateful community, and a lasting journalistic legacy. Henry was a very special Nebraskan who will be truly missed. May his memory be a blessing.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN

EDWARD J. DERWINSKI

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2012

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to recognize the accomplishments of

former Congressman Edward J. Derwinski, who passed away on Sunday, January 15, 2012, after a long and distinguished career of service to our country.

Ed Derwinski led a fascinating and extraordinary life. An Army veteran, he served in the Pacific during World War II and the postwar occupation. He returned home following his Army service to earn a degree at Loyola University in 1951. After a single term in the Illinois House of Representatives, he was elected to Congress, where he represented Illinois’s Fourth District for 24 years.

The congressman’s fearlessness was a hallmark of his career, as was most clearly evident in his policy toward the USSR. He was of Polish descent and sympathized strongly with Poland’s plight under Soviet rule. To this end, President Reagan appointed him to the State Department, ultimately tapping him as Under Secretary for Security Assistance in 1987. The capstone of his long career of public service was his appointment as the first Cabinet-level Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

As Chairman of the Republican Study Committee, I am proud to note that Ed Derwinski was one of our founding members. Heritage Foundation President Ed Feulner has written that Congressman Derwinski was “the only senior member who was willing to have the group meet in his office in those early days,” as other members “did not want to be viewed as party mavericks by the Republican leadership in the House.” I am grateful for the solid foundation he and his colleagues built nearly four decades ago.

Mr. Speaker, Ed Derwinski is now fittingly buried in Arlington National Cemetery. On behalf of the Republican Study Committee, I offer his family my condolences as we all continue to celebrate the life of such a tireless defender of freedom both at home and abroad.

RECOGNIZING REP. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2012

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a thankful heart that I rise to recognize a dedicated public servant and truly exceptional Member of Congress—Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

In her time as a Member of Congress, and before that—as a Member of the Arizona State Legislature, Gabby has been a shining example of what a public servant can be.

From supporting our veterans, to working to bring greater fiscal stability and championing home-grown energy—her accomplishments have been many.

But perhaps even more amazing is what Gabby has shown all of us about perseverance and the strength of the human spirit.

We all remember the horrible attack that took place on January 8, 2011, and the impact it had on every single one of our communities and families.

We also remember the bravery of the heroes and first responders, who saved lives on that day.

Gabby’s courage, strength, and resilience remind all of us that the human ties of family, and friendship that connect us are much more important than the ideological and political differences that can divide us.